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TAGS: AGAO, EFIN, SA

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GAO TEAM TO SAUDI ARABIA'S EASTERN PROVINCE

REF: FRANKFURT 4394

1. REFTEL NOTES THAT GAO TEAM WILL WISH TO HAVE ONLY TWO APPOINTMENTS A DAY. GIVEN NUMBER OF AMERICAN COMAPNIES (150) ACTIVE IN EASTERN PROVINCE, TO SAY NOTHING OF NON-AMERICAN COMAPNIES AND AGENCIES WHICH WILL WISH TO DRAW CERTAIN INEQUITIES IN US INCOME TAX LAWS TO ATTENTION OF TEAM MEMBERS ATTENTION FOR DISCUSSION, POST BELIEVES THAT TEAM WOULD GAIN BROADER PERSPECTIVE OF UNFORTUNATE SITUATION AFFECTS OF 1976 TAX REFORM ACT IF MORE INTERVIEWS ARE SCHEDULED EACH DAY.

2. POST RECONGIZES THAT TEAM MAY FEEL TWO INTERVIEWS PER DAY TO BE APPROPRIATE AS TEAM ASSUMES TIME WILL BE LOST IN TRAVELING TO AND FROM APPOINTMENTS. TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED ON THAT POINT AS POST IS MAKING APARTMENT AVAIALBLE TO TEAM ON UPPER FLOOR OF BUILDING HOUSING CONSULATE GENERAL. APPARTMENT IS LARGE; COMFORTABLE FROM STANDPOINT OF HOLDING INTERVIEWS, AND IS CONVENIENT TO THOSE COMING FOR INTERVIEWS. MANY HEADS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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US COMPANIES, INCLUDING SENIOR EXECUTIVES FRO VLHE LARGEST, ARE ALL VERY WILLING TO CALL AT CONSULATE GENERAL TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS OF TEAM. POST BELIEVES, ON THAT BASIS, THAT AT LEAST FOUR INTERVIEWS -- TWO IN MORNING AND TWO IN AFTERNOON -- CAN BE SCHEDULED AND WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS ACCORDINGLY UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. LARGE BLOCK OF TIME, OF COURSE, WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR ARAMCO APPOINTMENT.

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